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- CLAIM AMENDMENTS -

Please amend the claims as follows, such that a listing of an entire set of claims 1-27 reads as follows. This listing of claims 1-27 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. New claims 23-27 have been added, without adding new matter. Support for claims 23-27 can be found, *inter alia*, in the specification at pages 3-16.

1. (Original) A method for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle communication system, the method comprising:
receiving a restricted use command from a service provider;
initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command; and
modulating a transmission rate of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the restricted use command comprises a contact increment.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the contact increment comprises contact rate information.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the contact increment comprises contact initiation information.
5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the contact increment is one or more predetermined values.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the restricted use mode operates the telematics unit in a low-power configuration.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein modulating the transmission rate of the registration request comprises:
- identifying a contact increment within the received restricted use command;
 - determining contact information within the contact increment; and
 - implementing the modulated transmission rate based on the determined contact information.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]-2, further comprising: receiving an updated contact increment from the service provider; and providing updated telematics information to the service provider; wherein receiving the updated ~~communication information~~ contact increment is synchronized with a registration request.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the updated telematics information is selected from the group consisting of: vehicle location, system energy level, ignition cycles, ignition status and diagnostic trouble codes.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- detecting an emergency event; and
 - initiating an emergency use mode responsive to the detected emergency event.

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11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the emergency event is selected from the group consisting of: vehicle theft, airbag deployment, a predetermined reading from collision sensors and an emergency button press.

12. (Original) A computer readable medium for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, comprising:

computer readable code for processing a received restricted use command from a service provider;

computer readable code for initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command; and

computer readable code for modulating a transmission rate of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode.

13. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the restricted use command comprises a contact increment.

14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the contact increment comprises contact rate information.

15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the contact increment comprises contact initiation information.

16. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the contact increment is one or more predetermined values.

17. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the restricted use mode operates the telematics unit in a low-power configuration.

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18. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the computer readable code for modulating the transmission rate of the registration request comprises:

computer readable code for identifying a contact increment within the received restricted use command;

computer readable code for determining contact information within the contact increment; and

computer readable code for implementing the modulated transmission rate based on the determined contact information.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[12]] 13, further comprising:

computer readable code for processing a received updated contact increment from the service provider; and

computer readable code for providing updated telematics information to the service provider;

wherein receiving the updated ~~communication information~~ contact increment is synchronized with a registration request.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the updated telematics information is selected from the group consisting of: vehicle location, system energy level, ignition cycles, ignition status and diagnostic trouble codes.

21. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 12, further comprising:

computer readable code for detecting an emergency event; and

computer readable code for initiating an emergency use mode responsive to the detected emergency event.

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22. (Original) A system for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle, the system comprising:
means for receiving a restricted use command from a service provider;
means for initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command; and
means for modulating a transmission rate of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode.

23. (New) A method for operating a telematics unit within a mobile vehicle communication system, the method comprising:
receiving a restricted use command from the call center, the restricted use command including a specified period of vehicle inactivity;
initiating a restricted use mode based on the received restricted use command;
programming the telematics unit to synchronize transmission timing to the call center of at least one registration request based on the restricted use mode;
repeating the synchronized transmission of at least one registration request at a specified rate until the specified period of vehicle inactivity terminates; and
returning the telematics unit to normal operating mode after the specified period of vehicle inactivity terminates.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the restricted use mode includes instructing the telematics unit to operate in a low-power configuration.

25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the synchronized transmission of at least one registration request includes information selected from the group consisting of: vehicle location, system energy level, ignition cycles, ignition status and diagnostic trouble codes.

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26. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
detecting the mobile vehicle has been accessed; and
initiating a mobile vehicle accessed mode responsive to the detected
access to the mobile vehicle.
27. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the origin of the specific period
of vehicle inactivity is selected from the group consisting of: end user, factory
programmed, and call center.